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# Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Linda L. Gray

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## Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 September 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 20 September 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Detailed Action**

**Claim Rejections - 35 USC 103**

**1.** The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

**2. Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Valentine (US 1,661,778) in view of Hargrave (GB 2 348 806) or Levy (US 1,962,248).**

**Claim 1**, Valentine teaches a method of manufacturing cosmetic powder puff 1 (L 1-52) including the following steps:

- (a) providing a plurality of powder puff layers 2 and 5,
- (b) disposing adhesive layer 4 between layers 2 and 5 (L 54-76),
- (c) performing a thermal treatment process so that layer 4 adhere layers 2 and 5 to form a powder puff block (L 77-81), and
- (d) cutting the block to obtain a powder puff slice shown in Figure 1 (L 81-91).

**Claim 1**, Valentine does not teach making a plurality of puffs 1 from the block and does not teach that making puff 1 requires more than one cutting operation per se.

However, Hargrave and Levy both teach making a plurality of powder puff products from one mother sheet, and it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have provided in Valentine making a plurality of the puffs from the block as suggested by Valentine to improve productivity and avoid unnecessary material wasting.

Also, it is conventional to make a cut product using more than one cut, i.e., using a final trimming cut to remove excess material and frayed areas, and for this reason it would have been

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obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have provided for such in Valentine.

**Claim 2**, Figure 3 demonstrates layers 2 and 5 stacked in an orderly manner. **Claim 3**, clearly the color of puffs 1 of Valentine modified are either one color or more than one color, those being the only options. **Claim 4**, Valentine teaches making different shapes and sizes (L 85-91) where the cotton of layer 3 and fabric of layer 5 will provide different patterns.


**Conclusion**

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Linda Gray whose telephone number is (571) 272-1228. The examiner can normally be reached Monday-Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christopher Fiorilla, can be reached at (571) 272-1187. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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